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(*b*) the date on which the bridge at Chunkam (northern side) was dismantled;

(*c*) the date on which the estimate for the reconstruction of a fresh bridge at this place was sanctioned;

(*d*) how far the above work has progressed;

(*e*) the cause of the delay;

(*f*) the date on which the Kothuval Chavady bridge was closed for traffic;

(*g*) whether any repairs have been made to the same after closing;

(*h*) whether the Public Works Department proposes to construct a new bridge at this place; and

(*i*) if the answer to part (*h*) is in the affirmative, how long will it take to construct it?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Six bridges situated at distances varying from 2 to 3 furlongs.

(*b*) 11th February 1929.

(*c*) 18th February 1928.

(*d*) Most of the iron materials indented for have been received.

(*e*) Some alterations in the sanctioned design were found necessary.

(*f*) The Kothuval Chavady bridge was closed for wheeled traffic in January 1929.

(*g*) No.

(*h*) Yes.

(*i*) An estimate is under preparation. The work will take about a year after the estimate is sanctioned and funds are allotted.

Opening of a Magistrate's Court at Tiruvalla.

102. **MR. V. J. OOMMEN** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received memorials from the people of the Tiruvalla taluk praying for the opening of a Magistrate's Court at Tiruvalla; and

(*b*) the nature of the action taken in the matter?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The question is engaging the attention of the Government.

The Law's Delays.

103. **MR. REVATI NAL RAMA VARMA RAJA** (*Edavagai*): With reference to the answer to the question re redistribution of the territorial jurisdiction of courts, asked at the meeting of the Council held on the 25th April 1929, will the Government be pleased to expedite the appointment of a Judge as suggested by the High Court to enquire into Law's Delays in view of the great loss and inconvenience caused to the litigants by the delay in the disposal of cases?

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MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*): One of the Judges of the High Court is proposed to be placed on special duty for 6 months to enquire into the question of Law's Delays and a sum of Rs. 13,172 has been provided in the draft Budget for 1105 for the purpose.

Officers of the Education Department getting a pay of Rs. 25 and above.

104. **MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE** (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the officers of the Education Department getting a pay of Rs. 25 and over?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Government do not propose to call for the information as, in their opinion, the time and labour involved in its collection is out of all proportion to its possible utility.

MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): ഈ സ്റ്റേറുമെൻറു വരുത്തുന്നതിലുള്ള കാലതാമസംകൊണ്ടു ഗവണ്മെൻറു് വരുത്താതിരിക്കയാണോ ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ളതു്?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): അതുമാത്രമല്ല വളരെ പ്രയാസവും കൂടിയാണു്.

MR. A. C. KURIAKOSE (*Minachil* cum *Devicolam*): കാലതാമസത്തോടുകൂടിയാണെങ്കിലും അങ്ങിനെ ഒരു സ്റ്റേറു്മെൻറു വരുത്തുന്നതിൽ ഗവണ്മെൻറിനു വിരോധമുണ്ടോ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): ഇല്ല.

Toddy shops in the Shertallai Taluk.

105. **MR. MURUVELIL PACHU PILLAI** (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of toddy shops at present (15-11-1104) in the Shertallai taluk; and

(*b*) the bid amount in auction in respect of all these shops?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 96.

(*b*) Rs. 86,730.

Statement, by caste, of certain officers of the Police Department.

106. **MR. V. J. JOOMMEN** (*Commerce and Industry, North*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing the number of Brahmins, Nayars, Catholics, Jacobites, Mar Thoma Christians, Protestants, Ezhavas, Mahomedans, Vellalas and members of other communities, among the District Superintendents, Assistant Superintendents and Inspectors of Police in the State?

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